

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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THE CROSS
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Living in faith, hope, and love

May 2, 2021

BIBLE STUDY

Bible class for adults

Sundays at 9:45 am in Room #9.

Wednesday Night Book Study:

Meets every other Wednesday at 6:30 PM in Room #9. In person study resumes April 14 at Question #35.

Women's Bible Study: 1st and 3rd

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room #8.

Sunday school for children

Sundays at 9:45 am in the lower level
Virtual lessons are also offered online at www.chapelofthecross.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discovery Class: A new Discovery class will begin Sunday, May 9 at 9:45 am. The Discovery class is for those who would like to become members of Chapel of the Cross, or those who would just like to review what we as a church believe, teach, and confess. Please let Pastor Laesch or the church office know if you are interested in coming to the class.

Chapel Property Clean-Up Day: Friday, May 14, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Sign up at the Welcome Center to work all day or for one hour! See Bill Rusnak for details.

Crocus Books & Gifts: We have tables set up in the Commons with Mother's Day, confirmation, Father's Day and graduation cards. We also have gift idea with new jewelry items.

Garden Fest: On Saturday, May 8, from 10 am to 3 pm, we are hosting a church and community flower, fruit, vegetable, and herb event – all in support of Day 3 Seeds. **All families who register** - with one or more attending - with the church office by Wednesday, May 5 - will receive a tray of 4" assorted garden flower and vegetable plants and 6 packets of garden seeds! Food will be available for any donation. Highlights include a children's workshop and adult gardening seminar: "Demo Plots" / "Raised Bed Gardening." Many great plants will be available for purchase. Come and get your Mother's Day gifts! Ask Bill to get more information.

Pastor and Dorothy Bischoff extend to the friends and members of Chapel of the Cross appreciation and thanks for the cards, emails, letter, texts, and telephone calls received during his Covid hospitalization and convalescence and his knee surgery hospitalization and convalescence. "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord." Psalm 22:27

Thank you for the many good wishes that I received from my church family for my birthday and for the special prayer from Pastor Laesch. All is very much appreciated. God's blessing to everyone! Carolyn Hanneman.

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Jack and Sue Plack's 57th wedding anniversary on April 29th.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

The names in bold print are new to the prayer list this weekend.

Those with Health Concerns:

Don Albers
Jan Arban
Joan Arban
Scott Barber (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Pastor Cliff Bischoff
Craig Boehmer Sr. (*father-in-law of Christy Boehmer*)
Tanjila Bolden
Lonza Bufford (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Sadie Bufford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Elizabeth Cash
Luxora Crawford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Bea Daugherty
Kathy Doherty (*friend of Fred Schroeder*)
Marge Dubray (*Food Pantry*)
Linda Edgington
Kymm Fehrs
Lloyd Flint (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Grace Green
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)
Melvina Hager
Carolyn Hanneman
Jon Havens
Vickie Holmes (*sister in law of Alexis Cunningham*)
Dr. James Hudson (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Steve Jones (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Judy Koprowski
Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*)
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)
Elsie Meyer
Ryan Meyer
Louis McNeal (*brother-in-law of Alexis Cunningham*)

Patricia Hayes Mitchell (*sister-in-law of Robert Cunningham*)
Mary Oberman (*friend of Lisa Hager*)
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)
Ron Rammaha (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)
Bill Rueckert
Jean Thomas
Rebecca Trump (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Ola's Ugobo (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)
Abby VanArsedale (*friend of Jayme Z.*)
Ted Vogel
Charles Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
(*family member of Alexis Cunningham*)
Hsea Wells (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Carol Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)
Jean Wiechert

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Cheryl Boehmer (*mother-in-law of Christy Boehmer*)
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)
Tracey Cottrell (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Mike Datillo (*uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)
Mike Dunn (*uncle of Rick Christian*)
Christy Elfrink (*friend of Mark Petersen*)
Betty Endsley (*mother of Marcy Oliver*)
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Denise Hildebrand

Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)
Mike Lee (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Mary Moeller (*cousin of Audrey Luedtke*)
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)
Lincoln Scott (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Arrión Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Debbie Steinbrueck (*daughter of Joann & Leon Steinbrueck*)
Chris Turmenstein (*friend of Glenn and Joyce Lackey*)
Scott Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

Seminarists Who Have Received their calls and Vicarage placements:

Jake Bellinghausen: Grace Lutheran Church, Vestal, NY

Those Who Celebrate:

Darryl and Melanie Williams and their family upon the baptism of their son, Henry Lawrence Williams. **Jack and Sue Plack** as they celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on April 29th

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Every Other Wed. Night Book Study: *Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today* will meet This Wednesday, at 6:30 pm in Room #9 beginning with question #49.

Sunday morning Zoom Bible Class: Every Sunday at 9:45 AM join our Sunday morning Bible class in Room #9 via Zoom. You can call or email bill.rusnak@chapelofthecross.org for an email invitation.

Helping Hands Food Pantry is in need of personal care and cleaning products. We no longer need egg cartons or plastic bags at this time. Thank you for all your support!

The Strong Word: An on-line Virtual Gala of fun, fellowship and gracious giving. You are invited to join the churches of the English District and their members for a Virtual Gala on June 13, 2021. The Gala is for the benefit of the District Endowment Fund which supports congregations, church workers and ministries in the district around the world. You will hear from three of the missions that have received support in the past as well as from Rev. Marcus Zill with the University of Arizona campus ministry. Visit our English District website www.englishdistrict.org to register.

LNcrusaders Summer Camps: Looking for a great experience for your kids this summer? At Lutheran North, you'll find athletics, enrichment and education camps just right for your child. Love to shoot hoops? Cook in the kitchen? Explore the world of robotics? For four consecutive fun-filled weeks, a variety of morning sessions and afternoon sessions are offered. Learn more at LNcrusaders.org/summer.

Grace Chapel Early School, 10015 Lance Dr., Bellefontaine Neighbors is seeking employees to work for our Summer Session. The Summer Session runs from June 7-August 12. Candidates must enjoy working with small children ages 2-5. We are especially in need of workers for the afternoon time slot (12:30 pm-4:00 pm). Please contact Lisa Fackler at 314-867-6564 ext. 112 if interested. Thank you!

COVID Vaccines for Veterans: All Veterans, their spouses and caregivers can get COVID-19 vaccinations from the VA under the Save Lives Act signed into law March 24. Covered individuals can receive a vaccine from the VA, including veterans who are not eligible to enroll in VA health care. Contact the VA for more information.

LIFE TEAM

Life Thought: We behold ourselves in both our unborn and our elderly neighbors, for apart from Jesus even we can do nothing (John 15:5). And we behold our Lord Jesus in their bodies as well because He has come unto us in flesh like their own (1 John 4:2). Let us use our breath to defend them from abortion or assisted suicide and in this way praise the Lord (Psalm 150:6).

Birthdays: We know that God cherishes life at all stages, from embryo to infant to toddler to teenager to adult to old age. Each week during 2021, the Life Team will be recognizing the birthdays of our older members at Chapel of the Cross. If we miss your birthday or if we have the wrong date, please call the church office to get our records corrected. This week, we recognize the birthdays of the following:

George Zvirgzdins – May 5

June Henke – May 7

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

John 10:10-11 – “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

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COMING UP AT CHAPEL

Tuesday, May 4

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 5

6:30 PM Children's Bells

Saturday, May 8

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Garden Fest

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

In-person worship will be limited in number, socially distanced services to comply with St. Louis County requirements.

Services can still be viewed online at chapelofthecross.org.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

John 15-2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, we are grafted by grace into His vine. We desire to be more like Him and grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing, and it always comes with some pruning.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (4/25/2021):

- Worship: 153 and 9 visitors

Last week's offering (4/25/2021):

- General Fund: \$10,252
- Building / Capital Fund: \$615
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$70

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$209,525
- Building / Capital Fund: \$16,528

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$242,658
- Building / Capital Fund: \$29,327